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*Embrace true and
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*Promote, protect, and
share the Buddha,
Dharma and Sangha*

April 2011: Major Events of Interest

- Friday, April 8 - English Discussion by Dr. Nobuo Haneda on his book Dharma Breeze: Essays on Shin Buddhism – 7:00 – 9:00pm
- Saturday, April 9 - Japanese Spring Seminar with Dr. Nobuo Haneda
- Sunday, April 10 – 9:15 Kanbutsu begins 10:00 Hanamatsuri Service in Auditorium with Guest Speaker Dr. Nobuo Haneda; Hanamatsuri Luncheon hosted by Dharma School follows service
- Sunday, April 17 - Earth Day Service

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Betsuin Events for April 2011

EVERY SUNDAY All are invited:

8:45 am *MEDITATION SERVICE at 1441 S. Main St; Sutra Chanting, 20-minute meditation, discussion.
 10:00 am SERVICE - in Hondo (main sanctuary) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk
 11:00 am DHARMA EXCHANGE – in dining room, Q/A, dialogue with minister and ministers assistants

EVERY WEDNESDAY **10:30 am DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP with meditation at 1441 S Main St

SUNDAYS *8:45 am Meditation Service Weekly

April 3

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children: Joe Schwab

Youth: Youth MA

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DSDX: Rinban Castro

DX: Joe Schwab

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

April 10

10:00 am HANAMATSURI SERVICE

Youth: Dr. Nobuo Haneda

Adult: Dr. Nobuo Haneda

Japanese: Dr. Nobuo Haneda

DX: Rinban Castro

11:30 am Hanamatsuri **Luncheon** host: Dharma School

12:00 pm Religious Dept. Meeting

April 17

10:00 am **EARTH DAY SERVICE** conducted by Dharma School Teachers – NW District wide theme "Harmony in Diversity"

Youth: Rev. Warrick

Adult: Rinban Castro

DSDX: Rev. Warrick

DX: Rinban Castro

April 24

10:00 am **FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S SERVICE**

Children: Youth MA

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Rinban Castro

DSDX: Rinban Castro

DX: Joe Schwab

Japanese Program

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

MONDAYS

April 11 10:30 am Keiro Hanamatsuri Service

TUESDAYS April 5, 12, 19, 26 Rinban Castro (Days Off)

April 5

7:00 – 8:30 pm "Heart of the Buddha Dharma" (#4)

April 12

7:00 – 8:30 pm "Heart of the Buddha Dharma" (#5)

April 26

10:30 am Keiro Service

WEDNESDAYS **10:30am Dharma Support Weekly

April 6

7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting

April 13

12:00 – 5:00 pm NW Ministers' Association Meeting

April 27

5:20 – 5:50 pm Commuter Meditation

THURSDAYS

April 7

1:30 pm

Nikkei Manor Service

7:30 pm

Joint Seattle University & Dharma Support Group

April 21

1:30 pm

Nikkei Manor Service

7:30 pm

Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

April 28

7:30 pm

Betsuin Board of Directors Meeting

FRIDAYS

**April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 5:30 pm
 Memorial Services for Japan's
 Earthquake & Tsunami Victims**

April 1

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting

April 8

7:00 - 9:00 pm English Workshop
 with Dr. Nobuo Haneda on "Dharma Breeze"

SATURDAYS

April 2 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Book Study Group
 ("Dharma Breeze")

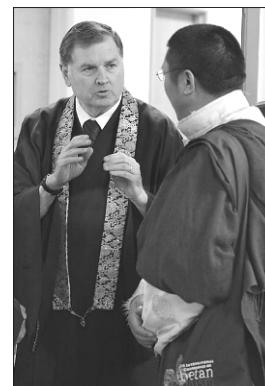
April 9 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Japanese Seminar
 with Dr. Nobuo Haneda

April 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin
 Monthly Memorial Service

April 30 – May 1 FDSTL Conference in Fresno, CA

**May
 Newsletter
 Deadline:
 Monday,
 April 18, 2011
 - 8:00 pm
 Print:
 April 22, 2011**

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Joy and Tears Together

By Rinban Don Castro



My heart goes out to all those who suffered loss in the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. May the boundless wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha be a source of strength and comfort during this tragic crisis that continues to unfold as I write these words. I hope, by the time you read this article, the danger of radiation exposure has subsided. Seattle Betsuin will be conducting



the traditional Seven Day Memorial services each Friday at 5:30pm in memory of those who perished; the 49th day memorial service, (since March 11), will be held on April 29, the last of this mourning period.

At the same time we have been mourning, we have been celebrating Camp Fire's 101st birthday on March 13 and a beautiful beginning of Spring with our Ohigan Service on March 20. Coming up on April 10 we celebrate the Buddha's birth with Hanamatsuri, the "Flower Festival" which is the happiest and most festive service of the year.

In Buddhism, we recognize the fact that there is no life without death. Just visit the Olympic Rain Forest and you find the circle of life and death everywhere. It is not either/or but both together at the same time. Joy and sorrow are interfused and all we can do is put our hands together in gassho and say the Nembutsu as an expression of gratitude for the precious treasure of the Dharma that keeps us on the right path in this perilous world of the burning house.

Above photos by Irene Goto



Seventh Day Memorial Service for Japan's Earthquake and Tsunami Victims of March 11, 2011 at Seattle Betsuin March 18

I wanted to say how much I appreciated the memorial service. It was wonderful to see the participation and inclusion of members of other Buddhist traditions, [Tibetan, Nichiren, Thai]. I was pleased to see the monks and lamas who were included before our memorial service. It was beautiful and respectful. My friends at Maitreya Charity sent me their heartfelt prayers and all these things combined made me feel one with those suffering and all of the rest of us who are concerned about them. Thank you, senseis and Laverne, for making it happen. People who attended were very grateful to be able to express their sorrow and to participate in some way.

I was also very grateful for Ed, Russell, Ardith, Emery, Paul, Alan and the senseis who selflessly stood in the cold and rain at the bonsho, and to Ron, Mas, Etsu, Lynne, and Rosie who lent hands everywhere. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Gassho Gail Kaminishi

Photos courtesy of Kurt Smith

Cub Scouts submitted by Andrea Mano

The Cubs held their triennial Space Derby Race on Sunday, February 27. These rubber band propelled rocket ships zip across a 100 foot line to the finish! The kids were very creative in designing their rockets, carving airplanes, space shuttles, and even a baseball bat shaped rocket... and they were fast. Teagan Yuasa (Wolf) placed first followed by Bryan Yee (Webelo) and Nicholas Hamakami (Bear).

On March 5, 6 Cub Scouts Crossed over to Boy Scouts at the Cross-over Ceremony at North Bend. The 6 Cub Scouts are: Chase Habu-Chinn; Jordan Shimizu; Kenji Lin, Drake Imanishi, Josh McKinney and Bryan Yee. Over 47 other adults, Boy Scouts and family members participated in the event. After sleeping in tents that they pitched, the new Boy Scouts were coached by older Boy Scouts in a campfire competition. Congratulations to the newest additions to the Boy Scout Troop!

Boy Scout 252 Submitted by Mikio

March 5, 2011 Troop 252 held Crossover Ceremony for the new scouts. We would like to welcome: Bryan Y., Chase C., Drake I., Jordan S., Joshua M. and Kenji L. Everyone enjoyed a spaghetti dinner, the four "winds" that recited the scout law were dressed in garbage bags and many old and new scout families attended.

▪March 19, 2011 Scouting for Food

▪March 27, 2011 Runners and waiters for Bazaar

2011 BCA Nembutsu Camporee – Save the Date!

August 5-7, 2011 Camp Waskowitz, North Bend, WA

Hosted by Seattle Betsuin Boy Scout Troop 252 & Camp Fire Group 699.

Open to all kids entering 4th Grade through High School (in 2011). Submitted by Susie Yamane. Info: nembutsucamporee@seattlebetsuin.com.



Camp Fire USA submitted by Grace Tazuma
Dolphins / Starflight 1st – Submitted by Jenni Chin
The Dolphins did a great job selling Camp Fire candy this year. We received recognition for 75% of our group selling at least 75 units. On February 27th we hosted a "Friendship Party" with the Rainbows and Starflight K group. Our group had fun planning the party, making invitations and hosting it. We had a great time making necklaces, painting figurines and decorating cupcakes and eating yummy food.

Starlights 2nd and 3rd – Submitted by D. Shibata
The girls wrapped up their successful Candy Sales under the guidance and support of both the Discovery 5/6 group and parent candy coordinators, Kris and Keiko Kosugi. The Starlights placed 2nd in the Super sell-a-thon. The girls have also had an opportunity to work on their Campfire Trails in a variety of meetings led by parents Lenora Clark, Keiko Kosugi, Bob Crimmins, and Kelly Crimmins.



Discovery 5/6 – Submitted by Dana Nakashima
On Sunday, March 13, we celebrated Camp Fire's 61st Birthday at the Camp Fire Sunday program. Our group worked hard to organize the service and reception. The girls took on many roles within the service. The CF Sunday service was the first opportunity the girls had to wear their new Discovery uniforms –happi coats; tie-dyed by the girls and sewn by Erin and Emily's Grandmothers.

Horizon – Submitted by Alissa K Sydney and Alissa
were camp counselors at Camp Sealth for the Dad and Kid Weekend in early March. The theme was "International". Sydney led the African Mask Making workshop and Alissa led International Playtime, otherwise known as Outdoor Games. It was a wonderful experience, singing songs and bonding with all the campers.

Camp Fire Candy Sales – Submitted by Gayle Teramoto
Thank you to all our Camp Fire members, parents and supporters for another successful candy sale. This year we sold a total of 5,801 units of candy.

Starlight Group shown here, with the check they received for being one of the groups to turn in the most money during the 1st weekend of the candy sale.

Dharma School Submitted by Joyce Tsuji All Temple families and friends are cordially invited to attend the Hanamatsuri Luncheon on Sunday, April 10, in the gym. The luncheon will follow Dharma School, Dharma Exchange and the Japanese language service, all held immediately after the Hanamatsuri service. Dharma School will be preparing and hosting this complimentary lunch. Please join us in celebrating the Buddha's birthday and enjoying the fellowship of our Sangha on this joyous occasion.

The Dharma school would like to thank all the families and friends who helped out at the Spring Bazaar. Your hard work and effort were greatly appreciated at this important fundraiser for the Betsuin.

Classroom Reports

Pre-K/K Classroom The Pre-K/K class talked about Amida Buddha's love for everyone. After decorating tea light holders with pictures of Amida Buddha and hearts, the students inserted battery operated tea lights. They learned about the significance of Nirvana Day and the Pet Memorial Service and decorated frames inserted with pictures of pets they wanted to memorialize. The class talked about the Buddhist shrine and colored a mini-book to take home. The following week the students made a small obutsudan to keep at home. Finally, the students listened to the story of "The Blind Men and the Elephant" learning about accepting different perspectives.

First/second grade We have been continuing our discussions about being good Buddhists, and also learning a little about Japanese culture. The students worked together on putting together puzzles of Nirvana Day, Hanamatsuri and Obon. They also discussed the meaning of these holidays with some special guest teachers. Our sincere thanks go to them. We worked on our origami skills by making some Emperor and Empress dolls for Girl's Day. We have been learning to recognize Buddhist symbols and ideas in our matching game that featuring such pictures. Finally we discussed Ohigan and the Dana Paramita. We thought of what we could give that did not cost money or that we could not touch, like helping others and smiles.

Middle School

The MS Class hosted a successful and lively Bingo Night at the end of Feb. It was a lot of fun, and everyone went home with a heap of white elephant prizes! Thank you to all families that attended and supported our event. We collected over \$65 in donations that will help underwrite our next dinner at Orion Center (4/15). Special thanks to the students that assisted throughout the night: Tedi, Emily, Alex, Kristy, Amanda, Emi, Kayla, Mikio. (And thanks to MS parents for all their help too.) submitted by Lani Carpenter

JR YBA'S VISIT TO KEIRO

On Friday, March 11, seven JR YBA members from Seattle and Tacoma met at the Betsuin. We had a delicious dinner prepared by Mrs. Nakano. Then Evan, Krista, Erica, Lindsay, Sean, Bryce, Madison, accompanied by Pam H., Joan N., Tina K., and Steph O., made our way over to Keiro. We hosted a Friday night session of BINGO for the residents and their family members. We had loads of great prizes for the BINGO winners.

It was a very rewarding experience for all of us. Not only did the residents seem to enjoy playing, we had a great time visiting with them during and after the session concluded. We hope to schedule another visit soon.

To top off our evening, we returned to the Temple for some tasty desserts. Thank you, Mrs. Nakano!

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS **HIGH SCHOOL:** The Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant will offer up to four scholarships of \$2,000 each. **COLLEGE:** The Masaru and Mitsuma Shimokon Scholarship Grant has up to three scholarships:

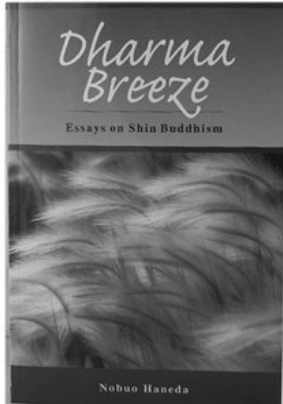
- 1 - \$5,000 college student who will graduate as a Nurse Practitioner
- 1 - \$5,000 college student graduating as a Medical Doctor
- 1 - \$3,000 college student degree BS as a Registered Nurse

The deadline to submit applications is Monday, **April 4, 2011 by 2:30pm** to the temple office. For applications or questions please contact Shizue Kaku via the Betsuin office at 206.329.0800.



The SBC Buddhist Study Group The study group will meet on Saturday, April 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m. In preparation for his English discussion on Friday evening, April 8, we'll discuss Haneda Sensei's *Dharma Breeze: Essays on Shin Buddhism*. The study group will, hopefully, come up with some great questions for Haneda Sensei on the 8th. Information and registration forms for April 8 are available in the temple foyer, in this newsletter below, and on www.SeattleBetsuin.com. No registration is required for the study group. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring a brown bag lunch and stay until 12:30 for further discussion and casual conversation.

Submitted by Laverne Imori and Irene Goto

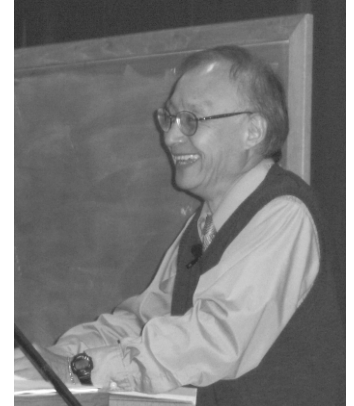


Dharma Breeze:
Essays on Shin Buddhism
 by Reverend Nobuo Haneda, Ph.D

will be the topic of **discussion in English** with
 Dr. Haneda sponsored by and held at
 Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144

Friday

April 8, 2011 ■ 7:00 – 9:00 PM



“Shin Buddhism, or the teachings of Shinran (1173-1262), teaches us the importance of humility, the most important universal virtue. Many people think that the ultimate goal in Buddhism as well as human life is to become *good*. But according to Shinran, it is to become *humble*. Being *good* is not good enough; we must become *humble* persons. We must know our evilness, the existence of our ineradicable egoism. We must know our ignorance, the limitations of our intellects. We must become humble persons who can say, “I’m evil and ignorant.”... – Nobuo Haneda, “*What Is Shin Buddhism?*”

Essays Include: **What is a Buddhist? Who is Amida Buddha? What is the Pure Land?**
What is Shin Buddhism? What is Happiness? Well Begun Half Done, Not Practice But Understanding
 found on www.SeattleBetsuin.com under “pamphlets”

Nobuo Haneda is the director of the Maida Center of Buddhism (MaidaCenter.org). He received his Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies from the University of Wisconsin. He is the translator of *The Evil Person: Essays on Shin Buddhism* and *Heard by me: Essays on My Buddhist Teacher*, two collections of *Shin Buddhist* essays by Shuichi Maida, and *December Fan: The Buddhist Essays of Manshi Kiyozawa*. The book is available online and through the BCA bookstore at bcahq.org. Please submit your registration to the Temple office or provide your information via e-mail to Irene Goto at newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com by April 7, 2011. Mail registration to:

Religious Department
 Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
 1427 S. Main Street
 Seattle, WA 98144

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Registration for Discussion on *Dharma Breeze: Essays on Shin Buddhism* by Nobuo Haneda April 8, 2011

Name _____ Email Address _____

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Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

SBBWA President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata As always the SBBWA ladies are busy with many projects.

- Janet Baba, Nina Tomita-Kato, Michi Vaart, Frances Shintaku and Shirley Shimada prepared a meal of Meaty Mac 'n' Cheese, green salad and garlic bread for the Orion Multi Service Center on Friday, March 18, 2011.
- Under the leadership of Janet Baba and Machiko Wada, the SBBWA is planning for the New Members Service and Luncheon to be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011.
- The Jan., Feb. and March Toban groups had a kitchen clean-up on Wed., March 30, 2011. Thanks to Karry Sakamoto for helping.

SBBWA Activity Report: Submitted by Mabel Nishizaki Line dancers are having a great time. There will be 2 more sessions on April 6 and April 20

in the gym from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. On April 13 from 9:30 am - noon in the dining room, we will have a craft session making bell ornaments to sell at Bon Odori. Anyone interested should sign up on the sheets posted in front of the office.

SBBWA Calendar: Sunday, April 3: SBBWA Board Meeting in Hondo; **Wednesday, April 6:** Line dancing in gym; **Sunday, April 10:** Deadline for payment for Deception Pass Day-Trip on June 25; **Wednesday, April 13:** Craft session making bell ornaments; **Wednesday, April 20:** Line dancing in gym; **Wednesday, April 20:** Deadline for RSVP to New Member Luncheon; **Sunday, April 24:** SBBWA Board Meeting for Month of May; **Sunday, May 1:** SBBWA New Member Welcome Service and Luncheon *Submitted by Joan Nakano [reformatted by Editor]*

OPEN LETTER TO DHARMA SCHOOL AND ALL BETSUIN WOMEN from SBBWA

Because we are women, we ask of you,
Uare warmly welcome to join SBBWA too.
Doing everything for everyone, the days are too short,
Demands of your time leaves little time even to pick a wart.
How can we even think about asking you to join another organization?
I nasmuch as we are Buddhist with the Dharma we are all one under the same sun.
S weltering from the heat we may, as causes and conditions are doing their bit.
T he reason is enough we are women of the Sangha where we make a perfect fit.

W e are very aware your time is consumed by work, family, and a host of activities,
O ngoing event at the present time, you will be busier than the busiest bees.
M any say once a member with no time to spare, you may escape right out the door,
E veryone knows you are already doing what we do and cannot ask for more.
N othing stays the same; changes will come with impermanence, as we know it,
S oon enough the time will come when your time will be your own and you can sit.

A spirations of femininity, religious awareness, welfare for the community are a few goals,
S BWA over the last 100 years has been the mainstay with our various roles.
S o won't you join us for a New Member Service and Reception on May 1, 2011?
O verjoyed we will be for a yes, we wish you continued best wishes and thanks,
C onsidering all you do for the temple, you are rated among the highest ranks.
I ncluding the successful, innovative, and dynamic program of Dharma School,
A wesome, unbelievable, energetic are what you are and make you all a jewel.
T hank you.
I n Gassho
O gozen (Kakushin-ni) "Patron Mother of Jodo Shinshu" with her conviction, vision, and farsightedness
N amu Amida Butsu

We welcome any temple ladies to join the SBBWA by contacting Terrie Tanino, Kiyo Takashima or the Betsuin Temple Office.

Religious Department Retreat We are looking for help in planning two weekend retreats to be held in the fall. One will be offsite but nearby. If you are interested in helping, contact Gail Kaminishi.

ABA Outing On Sunday April 3 from 11:30-3:30 we will have lunch in the U Village, then go to UW Henry Gallery to see the (Japanese American) Seattle Camera Club exhibit. The group operated in the 1930s. Then we will go to the UW East Asia Library to see SU professor Naomi Kasumi's art work. Contact Gail K.

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – February - March 2011

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

For:

Given by:

Helen Yamamoto – Funeral Service

\$ 700

Lillian Yamamoto

Remembrances for:

Given by:

Gladys Hamano

Peggy Hanada

Mary Inouye Katsuro

Yoshiko Mamiya

Jean Muneta

Steve & Gayle Kawaguchi

Onenju are available for purchase in the temple office. Heirloom and modern beads have been restrung by Pauline Sakuma into beautiful new onenju for children, women, and men. Visit the office to see the variety of styles. Proceeds go to Seattle Betsuin. - JN



General Donations:

Jane Hamatani

In Honor of Nobi Yutani's 80th Birthday

Reiko Hara

\$ 100.28

United Way Campaign Contribution

Gary & Madeline Kato

\$ 58.77

United Way Campaign Contribution

We will be providing an **annual summary** of donations made during the calendar year. Acknowledgements to individuals for donations made on behalf of members who have passed away will still continue to be made to the next of kin as cash counts are regularly made. We will expand the notifications to more than just passings. As with donations made to charitable organizations, your canceled check is also a valid document for receipt purposes. We'll assess and re-evaluate the process for any changes that may be necessary. - HL

FROM SBC RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

Newcomers Welcome and Q&A after Dharma Exchange will be offered by Ministers Assistants in Training, Laverne Imori and Irene Goto, on the first Sunday of each month.

Dharma Study Group announces book for May 7: Stroke of Insight by Jill Bolte Taylor 9:30 to 11:30a.m.. Bring your own lunch if you'd like to stay until 12:30. All are welcome.

Reverend Mark Unno, PhD, will offer an English program on May 14 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The topic will be announced.

Donate Your Used English Buddhism Books For Bookstore A box is available for deposit in foyer.

Submitted by Irene Goto



AV Volunteers Wanted

The temple is planning to add video capabilities to the Hondo (large screen and projector) and update the Hondo's PA system accordingly. If you or some-one you know is in the AV business and are interested in bidding on this project please notify the temple by e-mail at religiousdepartment@seattlebetsuin.com. The temple is also looking for volunteers to form a group of trained AV operators who are willing to take turns supporting Sunday services, weddings, funerals, memorial services and other events requiring AV in either the Hondo or the auditorium. Please send an e-mail to the religious department to get on the list. – Alan Hoshino

Notes on Dharma Exchange Dharma Exchange takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. after Sunday Service in the dining room. All are welcome to attend this opportunity for discussion and questions typically led by Reverend Castro, Reverend Warrick, or Minister's Assistant Joe Schwab.

2-20-11 This morning we celebrated Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Day. Why together? When the Buddha was dying many animals came to pay their respect. Guest minister Rev. Taijo Imanaka of the nearby Koyasan Temple talked about Shakyamuni and Jesus -- not a comparative presentation. A participant commented on his respectful manner concerning Jesus at the service. A participant noted that Buddha nature is evident in animals who do not aspire to be anything but what they are. Humans have a different view from that. Another participant suggested that animals are here to enlighten us. To celebrate the day the Dharma School sponsored a vegetarian lunch.

2-27 -Rev. Jim Warrick commented that the Tacoma Temple did a great job hosting the NWB convention, and there were many young people at the convention. Bravo and brava. Rinban Bob Oshita liked the word "shade" rather than "shadow" in describing the expression, *Okage sama, deh*. We are in the shadow of our ancestors according to a participant. The next NWB convention will take place at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane in February, 2012. . .The movie, "I Am" is playing currently in Landmark theaters.

3-6 - Three senseis, Rinban Castro, Rev. Warrick and Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, conducted the Dharma Exchange. Rev. Akahoshi has visited here three times and will be with us again two more times for seminars and retreat. He hopes people will have experiences at retreat and apply them to their own life. (1) We are ignorant of our incompetence. (2) We realize it. (3) Then we become conscious of our competence. He has conducted "Vision Quest," a wilderness experience with young people over a 3-day period. The purpose is to find your name, without food or contact with others, and to challenge people to rely on self. Shakyamuni did it to discover who he was. Akahoshi sensei said adults are not receptive because of no food! In July he will conduct a retreat from Friday to Sunday called "If life is a nightmare, wake up to a dream." In September there will be a seminar/retreat.

3-13 - Rev. Warrick showed us a beautiful carved, wooden stature of Kannon, the bodhisattva with 1000 arms, depicting how expediently Kannon helps those in need. We have been asked to contribute for the relief of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Please make check payable to the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple and labeled "Japan earthquake/tsunami." On April 30, one check will be sent to the Hongwanji, . . . Rev. Castro illustrated with examples how happiness and sadness are intertwined in a single event. Many participants related personal stories about the disaster. . .There are ten thousand temples in Japan. Forty thousand service personnel in Japan will be helping, and G.E. is sending generators, which are routinely sent to disaster areas in the world.

3-20 Ann Oxrieder discussed the book, *365 Thank Yous*. . . by John Kralik. Margaret T, a volunteer at a hospital thrift shop in Kent, remarked that nice, well-priced thank you cards can be purchased there. Additionally, Ann covered the book *Dharma Breeze: Essays on Shin Buddhism* by Rev. Nobuo Haneda, Ph.D. It will be the next book to be discussed with Rev. Haneda on Friday, April 8, from 7-9pm at the Seattle Betsuin. Feel free to read the book before or after the talk, and it is available online. Registration forms can be found in the foyer of the temple, and donations will be appreciated to offset costs of this educational program. . There will be a total of seven memorial services on consecutive Fridays at 5:30pm at the temple [the last one taking place on April 29] in recognition of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

Wapato's 50th Sukiyaki Dinner is a huge success

submitted by Irene Goto
Joe Schwab and Irene Goto enjoyed a beautiful, clear day driving across Snoqualmie Pass and greeting visitors to the Yakima Buddhist Temple in Wapato, Washington on March 6, 2011. Yosh Uchida expected 1500 patrons and worried they might run out of food, as he watched the line going out the door. The Wapato Buddhist Hall-gymnasium served as the dining room, festively decorated with more than 1,000 origami cranes folded by 15 volunteers including Diane Inaba.

Many visitors to the *hondo* asked about meditation, and if there was service conducted there every Sunday. Some never knew that there was a Buddhist temple in Wapato and found beauty and peacefulness in the Hondo; many offered incense and welcomed instruction on the proper method. At one point Irene and Joe chanted the Juseige while visitors listened intently. Tom Uchida acted as docent for visitors who viewed a display of Sangha photographs and information from the 1920s and the internment at Heart Mountain.

Service is conducted each Sunday at Yakima Buddhist Temple by either a lay person or by Reverend Paul Vielle, Reverend Castro, Reverend Warrick or Minister's Assistant Joe Schwab.

Dorothy (Isseri) Nakano came from San Jose to help and said that she was among some 1600 Japanese who were living in Wapato before the War.

Proceeds from the dinner will go toward maintaining the Wapato Buddhist Hall/gymnasium.

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**British Columbia Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Federation Convention in
Harrison Hot Springs Sept 23 - 25, 2011. Deadline to register is April 3, 2011.**

For details, please visit

www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com

Happening at The Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley, California

MAY 13 - 15, 2011 Crossing Over to Jodo Shinshu *Who is Amida?* Guest Speaker: Rev. Patricia Usuki

June 24-26, 2011 Pacific Seminar - 21st Century The Path to the Pure Land Speakers: Reverend Kiyonobu Kuwahara and others.

Go to <http://www.bcasites.net/> for details

**Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course 2011 Spring Enrollment is Filled and
Closed**

For more information, please visit the course website at: www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org. Questions may be directed to: Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office, 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA Tel: 510-809-1441, email: jsc@ccbe-bca.org. – Lisa Mayeda, JSCC

Campaign Update – March 2011

By Robert Noguchi – BCA Fundraising Manager

By the Numbers:

Thanks to your generous gifts and pledges, the campaign has raised over **\$550,000** in 2010!

As of 12/31/2010, the campaign has raised **\$18,736,836** since its inception in March 2003. Not only has this gone towards funding for the Jodo Shinshu Center, but also the wonderful programs being run there.

Just Announced:

Southern District Council will hold a benefit Golf Tournament on **Monday, August 22, 2011**, at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club in Tustin, CA. Many thanks to **Steve Ishii** of Orange County Buddhist Church for chairing this tournament! Please support this event by being a sponsor! For more information, please e-mail scishii@pacbell.net or call 714-996-4649.

Institute of Buddhist Studies Receives Two Gifts:

Rev. Seishin Kiyoshi and Mrs. Marrie H. Yamashita of Berkeley, CA, established a \$100,000 IBS Scholarship Endowment on December 29, 2010. The purpose of the scholarship is to support BCA ministerial candidates, IBS graduates for further studies, and prospective ministers from Japan who wish to study at IBS and serve in the BCA.

Mr. Noboru Hanyu of San Francisco, CA, pledged \$500,000 on January 26, 2011, to establish an endowed professorial chair at IBS through his living trust. It will be named the **Noboru and Yaeko Hanyu Buddhist Chaplaincy Professorial Chair**.

Annual Giving:

The Coordinated Fundraising Committee is presenting an Annual Giving program at BCA's National Council Meeting in Visalia, CA. Details are coming soon.

For More Information:

Contact: Robert Noguchi in the Campaign Office at the Jodo Shinshu Center – 510-809-1453 or e-mail: robert@bcacampaign.org.

Look Who's Blogging! Reverend Castro, Reverend Jim Warrick, and EcoSangha! Join in, and post your comments. Submitted by Alan Hoshino

<http://revcastro.blogspot.com/>

<http://revwarrick.blogspot.com/>

<http://ecosangha-seattle.blogspot.com/>

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